

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 97-471-C - ORDER NO. 98-185
MARCH 10, 1998

IN RE: Petition of Affinity Network, Inc. for
Alternative Regulation.

) ORDER
) GRANTING
) RELAXED
) REGULATION

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Petition of Affinity Network, Inc. (Affinity or the Company) for relaxed regulation of its business services. The Company proposes that its business service offering tariffs not be required to indicate maximum rates, that these tariffs be presumed valid upon filing, subject to the Commission's right within seven (7) days to institute an investigation of the tariff filing, in which case such filings shall not be suspended pending further order of the Commission, and the Company shall be subject to the same monitoring process as similarly regulated companies. Specifically, the Company seeks to be regulated in keeping with Order Nos. 95-1734, 96-493, and 97-72 and the South Carolina Supreme Court Opinion 24699 filed on August 11, 1997 regarding similar regulation for AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. (AT&T).

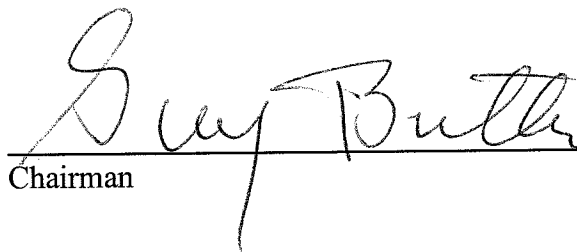
The Commission's Executive Director, by letter, required the Company to publish, one time, in a newspaper of general circulation, a method by which interested

persons could participate in the case. Affinity furnished an affidavit showing that it had complied with the directive of the Executive Director. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were filed.

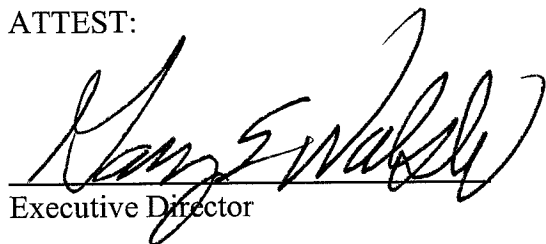
Accordingly, we now consider the matter. Since the relief sought is what has been granted previously to AT&T, and this “relaxed regulation” has passed the scrutiny of the South Carolina Supreme Court, we hereby grant the request for “relaxed regulation” as filed, effective on the date of this Order.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Deputy Executive Director

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